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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I have said that the bed strength of hospitals is being increased year after year according to the necessities in each case. It is not possible to give admission to all people who seek admission. They are not able to do that even in economically advanced countries like England and America."

SRI K. T. RAJU :—" ஆஸ்பத்திரிகளில் நோயாளிகளைப் படுக்க வைப்பதற்கு இரும்புக் கட்டில்களை வாங்க பணம் இல்லாவிட்டால், குறைந்த விலையில் கயிற்றுக் கட்டில்களையாவது வாங்கி, தற்கால நெருக்கடியைத் தீர்ப்பதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no space available now in the hospitals for placing those cots."

Adjudication of the dispute between the management and the staff of Messrs. Parry & Co.

* 182 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Union representing the staff of Messrs. Parry & Co. applied to the Government for adjudication of the dispute between the management and the clerical staff of the company; and

(*b*) if so, the reply given by the Government?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Parry Employees' Union was informed that Government did not propose to refer any of the issues for adjudication for the reasons stated in the reply.

I may add that this question was discussed yesterday and I have also given full particulars."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Parry கம்பெனியில் குமாஸ்தாக்கள் எவ்வளவு நாட்கள் ஸ்டிரைக் செய்தார்கள் ? இந்த ஸ்ட்ரைக்குக்கு காரணம் என்ன என்பதையும், குமாஸ்தாக்களுடைய கோரிக்கைகள் என்ன என்பதையும் பற்றி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கூறுவாரா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the demands were : revision of wages, fixation of pay of several of the employees in the revised scales of pay, the date from which the revised scales of pay are to be given effect to, house rent allowance, dearness allowance, overtime allowances, bonus for 1950–51, gratuity, leave privileges and revision of provident fund rules. I am not now in a position to answer for how long they struck work. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I will answer. Probably, I think, they struck work for two or three days."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question came up before the House yesterday and I allowed 10 minutes for that question."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the Managing Director of the company is drawing a salary of Rs. 10,000 a month which is very much more than the salary drawn by our Hon. Ministers? Such being the case, how can the company be considered by Government as not making enough profits and how can the company refuse to redress the grievances of the workers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, I take the information given by the hon. Member about the exact salary of the Managing Director of the company. With regard to other matters, Government have examined them and have come to that conclusion. There may be differences of opinion. But this is the view of the Government."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister, Sir, whether Government examined the balance-sheet of the company, before coming to the conclusion they did? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The same question was put and answered yesterday."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have nothing further to add to what I said yesterday, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have allowed ten minutes for this question yesterday. I am now going to take up the next question."

(Some hon. Members stood up in their seats.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are now on the next question."

Drills for sinking wells.

* 183 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to State—

(*a*) the number of drills available with the Agriculture department to sink wells; and

(*b*) the number of rotary drills now available with the department?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There are no drills with the Agricultural department. All the drills with the Government are under the control of the Industries department. There are on the whole 18 drills of which sixteen are of the ordinary percussion type, one rotary (mud flushing) drill and one Calyx drill. Out of these 18 drills, 12 ordinary drills and the one rotary drill have been ear marked for agricultural purposes. Ten of these ordinary drills and the rotary drill are at present actually engaged in agricultural work. One more ordinary drill is being shifted to agricultural work. Four new drills have been received and are being assembled and out of them three have been allotted for agricultural purposes."